

April 2016 Anti-Bullying Newsletter – May 2016



Dudley Schools Anti-Bullying Pledge Scheme Status



Peters Hill were invited by the Anti-Bullying Alliance to apply for 'SEN and Disability Champion' status. We submitted our action plan, which included details of the work we are doing with pupils, staff and the wider community and have been successful in securing this nationally recognised status.

Our anti-bullying steering group have continued to meet with Mrs Clarke, to oversee the work we are doing in school.

We are continuing the work towards the national accreditation of the 'Anti-Bullying Quality Mark'. We regularly review the ABQM action plan and the progress that is being made towards targets.

Here are some comments from members of the Steering Group:

'It is noticeable that there have been fewer incidents of bullying being reported since the 'Bully Busters' have been in the playground at lunchtime.' Mrs Cowdrey, Lunchtime Superintendent.

'The Bully Busters have grown in confidence, when helping other children to play together and include others.' Mrs Wheeler, Teaching Assistant



In our regular assemblies, promoting the anti-bullying agenda, Mrs Clarke reminded the pupils to use the friendship stops around our playgrounds, or the Buddy Bench, if they need help to find a friend.



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A new cohort of Bully Busters have been trained, along with their grown-ups and they are now working with our original team to help keep all pupils safe and happy on the playground.



This is what our pupils say about Bully Busters and bullying at Peters Hill:

'The Bully Busters are helpful and stop bullying'. Y6 pupil.

'I think there is not a lot of bullying in our school and if there was, it would be dealt with. I was bullied many years ago but it got dealt with by a member of staff'. Year 4 pupil

The steering group carried out an **Anti-Bullying Pupil Questionnaire**. 100% of the pupils replied 'Yes' to many of the questions, including 'Do you feel safe at school?' and 'Do you have someone to tell if you are being bullied?'

84% said there are not enough anti-bullying posters or leaflets around school, so we need to make sure we promote these more – we have some but clearly need more!

We will analyse the responses further to identify where we can make improvements for our children.

Useful links for Anti-bullying:

Anti-Bullying Alliance for Parents:

<http://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/advice/parents-carers/anti-bullying-tool-for-parents/>

Anti-Bullying Alliance for Children:

<http://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/advice/children-young-people/>

Our E-safety web page:

<http://petershillprimary.org/Parents-1/E-Safety>

More information on our progress towards the Anti-Bullying Quality Mark will be available before the end of term.



We are aiming for bronze – watch this space!

If you have concerns that your child may be being bullied, please contact your class teacher immediately, so that we can tackle the problem and ensure all our pupils are safe and happy.

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